Caste based discrimination in AIIMS

2025. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the caste based discrimination and harassment of students and doctors at AIIMS; and

(b) if so, the steps being proposed or taken to protect the vulnerable groups?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted a Committee under the Charimanship of Professor Sukha Deo Thorat, Chairman, University Grants Commission to look into the complaints from Members of Parliament, media reports and other representations on the alleged harassment of SC/ST students in AIIMS. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Complaints against private medical colleges

2026. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private medical colleges in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these medical colleges are charging exorbitant fees from students for admission;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) As per information furnished by the Medical Council of India, there are 131 private medical colleges.

(b) to (d) The Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 14.8.2003 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education, has already clarified that each institution shall have the freedom to fix its own fee structure. However, no institution shall charge capitation fee or indulge in profiteering. Further, the Hon'ble Court has also directed that each State Government shall set